

Appl. No.: 09/954,500
Amtd. Dated: 7/23/03
Reply to Office Action of: 7/7/03

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23, 42 and 52-59 remain in this application. Claims 1, 5, 9-13, 18 and 21 have been amended to more clearly recite the claimed invention. Claims 24-41 and 43-51 been canceled. Applicant believes that no new matter is added to the application as part of this response.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the pending claims and a prompt Action thereon.

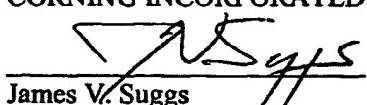
Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to James V. Suggs at 607/974-3606.

Date: 7-23-03

Respectfully submitted,

CORNING INCORPORATED


James V. Suggs
Registration No. 50,419
Corning Incorporated
Patent Department
Mail Stop SP-TI-03-1
Corning, NY 14831